

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

GENERAL SUBJECT: Pavement Markings		NUMBER: TE-334
SPECIFIC SUBJECT: Use of Six Inch Traffic Line Markings		DATE: August 26, 2005
		SUPERSEDES:
DIRECTED TO: District Administrators	SIGNATURE: <i>Raymond J. Khourey, P.E.</i>	

The Department has developed policy statements (provided herein) regarding the use of Six Inch Wide Traffic Line Markings on certain roadways. The purpose of this policy is to establish statewide, uniform use of six inch wide traffic line markings. It is not intended to alter the interpretation of other policies or best practice statements regarding pavement markings or pavement markers.

Effective immediately, the Virginia Department of Transportation has adopted the following positions regarding the use of six inch line markings on highways:

- 1) When using six inch line markings on any section of highway, all line markings within that section of highway including lane lines, centerlines, and edge lines shall be six inch width.
- 2) The mainline of all Interstate Highways shall be marked with six inch lines. All new contracts shall include provisions to accomplish this. Existing contracts should be altered if funds are available.
- 3) The mainline of other high design highways should be marked with six inch lines except those short segments (approximately three miles and less) of limited access primary routes designed to take traffic around communities and built-up areas, unless the connecting non-limited access portions of that route are also marked with six inch traffic lines.

- 4) Any street or highway including ramps and loops to Interstates and other high design highways may be marked with six-inch traffic line markings provided that the travel lanes are a minimum of 12 feet in width.

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